

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The end of motor shaft 113 is machined with a compartment 131 to receive a shaft extension 130. The shaft extension 130 is preferably machined from steel and has a hexagonal perimeter. The shaft extension 130 is preferably hardened. An aluminum fitting 135 is pressed onto an end of the shaft extension 130 that is not received by the motor shaft 113.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Alternatively, the embodiment of the present invention shown in FIG. 4 may be modified as shown in FIG. 5. That is, the shaft 113, the shaft extension 130, and the fitting 135 shown in FIG. 4 may be changed. Specifically, as shown in FIG. 5, the motor shaft 160 may be machined to comprise a square compartment 161 for receiving a first end of a square shaft extension 165, which fits loosely into the end of the motor shaft 160. A fitting 170 may be pressed into a bearing assembly 150, and may receive a second end of the square shaft extension 165. The fitting 170 and the square shaft extension 165 fit together loosely to tolerate a slight misalignment between the motor shaft 160 and the driven component 145.--